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Sent: Tuesday, September 12, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Thomas Matsuda
Cc: TenBrook, Patti; Magnan, Eric; McWhorter, Scott; Hopkins, Yvette; Miller, Robert
Subject: Section 26/27 (HLE) letter
Attachments: HI HLE Lehua.pdf

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Good morning Tom,

Attached please find a high level episode referral letter for the fish kill/bird kill that occurred last week near Lehua. Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Mary

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VIA EMAIL

September 12, 2017

Thomas Matsuda, Program Manager
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Dear Tom:

Section 27(a) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires EPA to refer significant allegations of pesticide use violations ("high level episodes") to the States. EPA understands that it is often the States that have initial knowledge of potentially significant pesticide use violations. The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge receipt of a possible high level episode from your office, and to request that you keep me apprised of the progress of your investigation. -001

This episode involves the discovery of at least 45 dead fish and several birds offshore of the island of Lehua. Lehua is currently undergoing aerial pesticide applications to eradicate rats from the island. Please keep me apprised of developments in your investigation on a weekly basis, including any lab results or significant changes in the status of this case. Also, please inform me of any planned enforcement actions related to this investigation prior to being issued.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I can be reached at (415)947-4213, or at grisier.mary@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Grisier".

Mary Grisier
HI Project Officer

Cc: Patti Tenbrook, Acting Manager, Pesticides Office, EPA Region 9
Eric Magnan, Manager, FIFRA Enforcement
Scott McWhorter, Pesticide Enforcement Liaison to HI Dept. of Agriculture